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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

JANEIKA BROWN, R.N. License # NR 15906000

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

- 2. On or about January 5, 2014, a letter was sent to respondent on behalf of the Board, asking for information concerning an arrest on December 25, 2013 on charges of attempting to elude the police.
- 3. The letter was sent to respondent at her address of record by certified and regular mail. Both the certified and regular mailings were returned, marked that respondent had moved without leaving a forwarding address.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to provide the Board with a valid mailing address constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline ("POD") seeking the suspension of Respondent's license to practice as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and provisionally imposing a \$500.00 civil penalty was entered on May 5, 2014. A copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The regular mail was returned and the certified was returned as "moved left no address unable to forward." Subsequently, Ms. Brown informed the Board of a new address and the POD was then sent to the new address of record. The POD was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or

dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Brown responded to the POD and provided all of the information requested of her in the letter of inquiry. She claimed that she had tried to notify the Board in a timely manner of her change in address but supplied no documentation in support of her claim. The Board was persuaded that the submitted materials did not merit further consideration and that Ms. Brown's license should not be suspended but that the \$500.00 penalty should still be imposed for Ms. Brown's failure to timely provide the Board with a valid address of record.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 3^{60} day of Ottober , 2014, ORDERED that:

1. A \$500.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3. Payment shall be made by money order, bank cashier check or certified check, made payable to the State of New Jersey or by wire transfer, direct deposit or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making payment. Payment shall be due no later than fifteen (15) days after the filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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